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ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

In the Matter of:

Petition to Amend Rules 31.27 and
32.10, Arizona Rules of Criminal
Procedure

Supreme Court No. R-06-0012

Attorney General's Comment Supporting
Petition


Pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Rule 28, Attorney General Terry Goddard submits this comment supporting the proposed amendments to Rules of Criminal Procedure 31.27 and 32.10.

The proposed amendments provide a mechanism for notifying victims of their right to provide input when a party seeks an extension of time to file a brief in state appellate and post-conviction proceedings. The proposed amendments also protect victims' privacy rights by requiring that contact be made through the prosecutor's office and only in cases in which a victim has filed a notice of

appearance as specified in A.R.S. §§ 13-4042 and 13-4234.01. These are important protections for victims, and the Attorney General's Office urges that the Court adopt the proposed changes to Rules 31.27 and 32.10.

DATED this 21st day of May, 2007.

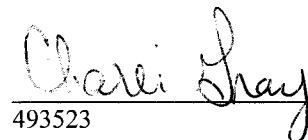
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